

Flight Plan Filers' (FPF) Telcon Minutes

4th September 2013

Attendees-

- FAA Headquarters: Sean Bodkin, Dan Eaves, Ray Ahlberg
- FAA Technical Center: Ken Wright, Alfredo Costa, Gerard Marino
- Contractors: Don Schraub (moderator)
- Other Participants: AISR, Facilities, Airlines, Filing Services, Non-US ATC Organizations.

Discussion-

- Don Schraub moderated the telcon
 - Sent out two documents on the LHY VORTAC which will be discussed later and again on October 2nd telcon

(Al Costa-Tech Center Update)

- ERAM transition
 - Have been activating EAC13 nationally,
 - Transitional runs have been scheduled for east coast ARTCCs
 - Boston ARTCC (ZBW) has a 24 hour run the weekend of September 7th
 - Cleveland ARTCC (ZOB) will baseline on Sept 14th
 - Fort Worth ARTCC (ZFW) is targeting September 14th for a 24 hour run
 - Memphis ARTCC (ZME) will be testing on ERAM in September as well
 - EAC14 is still being developed for deployment

(Ray Ahlberg- PBN Suffix Changes)

- Attempting to remove requirement to file NAV/ for RNAV routes
 - August 22nd HOST changes were made, ERAM changes already made
- Should now be able to stop filing NAV/RNVD1E2A1 and instead file for RNAV routing using PBN/
- Filers requesting RNAV SID/STARs must file PBN/ data. NAV/RNV data is optional, but if filed, will take precedence over filed PBN/ data.
- PBN/D3 is not considered RNAV1 for FAA's SIDS and STARs
- Please report any difficulties to FAA Headquarters for troubleshooting
- Don: Has NOTAM been published?
- Ray: Not as of yet, do still have documentation changes that need to be made as well
 - If filed NAV/ will be priority, both options are available for filing
- NAS Equipment suffix changes still planned for October 24th, will be a NOTAM in September publication
- Tony with Jeppesen: latest documentation on NAS equipment suffix?
- Ray: Available on the filer's website, <http://www.faa.gov/ato?k=fpl>
- American Airlines: After Oct 24th controllers won't need to translate ICAO codes back to the NAS format then?
- Ray: Will still be stuck with controllers seeing and using the NAS equipment suffix. The /Q and /R suffixes will be removed.
- Q: Will invalid codes reject after that date?

- Ray: That is correct for domestic filers.
- US Airways: Suffix changes on Oct 24th; will there be a resulting change to the Pre-departure Clearances (PDC)?
- Don: PDC will still send a single letter equipment suffix to the flight crew
- Ray: Filing with GNSS will be displayed as /L for example, /I for no RVSM with mode C transponder, /Z RNAV no GPS with RVSM (see Ray's table provided via email)

(Daryl Daniels- Airspace Change)

- LHY VORTAC is being decommissioned October 17th, biggest impact will likely be J36
- Please review PowerPoint and PDF that was distributed for information on these changes
- Forward questions to Daryl (Daryl.Daniels@faa.gov)
- Preferential routes will likely be published in advance for filers

Web Resources & Guidance-

FAA ICAO 2012 website (updated)

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ato/service_units/enroute/flight_plan_filing/

ICAO FITS website:

<http://www2.icao.int/en/FITS/Pages/home.aspx>

Asia Pacific Region website:

<http://www.bangkok.icao.int/>

EuroControl website

<http://www.eurocontrol.int/articles/icao-flight-planning-modifications-2012>

NavCanada website

www.navcanada.ca/onboard

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Date: Wednesday October 2nd, 2013

Time: 1:00 – 2:00p.m. Eastern Time, 1700 UTC

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